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BRITAIN SUSPENDS IMMIGRATION TO PALESTINE IN MOVE TO HALT ILLEGAL ENTRY

LONDON, July 12. (JTA) -- In a drastic move to stamp out smuggling of Jews into Palestine, the British Government today announced suspension of the six-month Jewish immigration quota for October 1, 1939, to March 31, 1940. Announcing the suspension to the House of Commons, Colonial Secretary Malcolm MacDonald warned that it might become permanent if Palestine Jewry continued "organized attempts" to encourage the extra-legal immigration. Jewish refugees who have been smuggled into Palestine in recent weeks were to be deducted from future quotas.

The present immigration schedule, announced on June 14 and covering the April-October period, called for issuance of 7,850 certificates to Jews. The total Jewish quota for the period was 10,550, but 1,200 certificates were deducted for immigrants who entered in April and 1,300 for illegal immigrants who arrived in the Holy Land prior to May 25.

"As the House knows," Mr. MacDonald declared, "His Majesty's Government have announced their readiness to facilitate immigration of Jews into Palestine up to the figure of 75,000 during the five years from April 1 last. We are particularly anxious to help the settlement of Jewish refugees of Central Europe, and special provisions therefore have been made for admission of these. But during the last months, there has been an organized attempt to defeat the proper regulation of immigration by traffic in illegal immigrants, and as many of these illegal immigrants are Jews from Poland and Rumania, the movement even threatens to some extent our effort to help the refugees.

"His Majesty's Government are determined to prevent this attempt to defeat the law of Palestine, an attempt which in any case is perpetuating bitterness in the country. As the House is aware, the numbers of illegal residents remaining in Palestine are being deducted from the future quotas of legal immigrants. These numbers have been such lately that I have now authorized the High Commissioner (Sir Harold Alfred MacMichael) to announce that no immigration quota will be issued for the next quota period, that is for the six months from Oct. 1 to March 31 next.

"Whether there will be a resumption of immigration quotas after that date must depend on the circumstances then prevailing regarding illegal immigration."

Earlier, Mr. MacDonald had rejected demands for a second debate on the new British policy for Palestine. Replying to a question by Laborite Arthur Greenwood, the Colonial Secretary declared that the Government was preparing to carry out the proposals outlined in the White Paper as soon as they had been approved by the League of Nations Council. He said that the House would be consulted again only if the Council suggested modifications in the policy.

Mr. MacDonald, replying to a query by Liberal Geoffrey Mander, denied published reports that five out of seven members of the Mandates Commission had condemned the British policy at the recent Geneva session. "Obviously," he said, "I have no authority to speak in behalf of the Permanent Mandates Commission or foreshadow what is in their report. All I venture to suggest is that when Mr. Mander has a chance of studying the report after publication (scheduled for next month), he will very likely find that his information is incorrect."

New Colony, 50th Since Disorders Started, Founded in South

JERUSALEM, July 12. (JTA) -- Zionists pressed colonization activities today, establishing the fiftieth settlement since the beginning of the Palestine disturbances three years ago. The new colony, Bet Haffa, is south of Beer Tuvia, in southern Palestine.

Founding of the colony, which was accomplished with the usual secrecy made imperative by fear of Arab terrorism and Government disapproval, marked the sudden shifting of the front in the intensive Jewish colonization drive following issuance of the British White Paper to the southeastermost corner of the colonization area. The site of the new settlement is of the greatest strategic importance.

Sixty Zionist Youth Guards, assisted by more than 100 volunteers from all parts of Palestine, started work on the colony at two o'clock in the morning. Five hours later they had completed construction of the usual stockade, watchtower, barracks and fences.

The colony is located on 2,100 dunams (about 400 acres) recently purchased by the Jewish National Fund, which are suitable for intensive cultivation as well as for citrus culture, despite salinity of the water.

Youth Sentenced to 6 Lashes

HAIFA, July 12. (JTA) -- The Court of Assizes today sentenced 12-year-old Emanuel Koubi, a Tiberias Jewish youth, to six lashes for setting fire to an Arab wheat stack.

Rumania-Palestine Trade Pact Signed

BUCHAREST, July 12. (JTA) -- A new Rumanian-Palestine trade agreement was signed here today by Trade Minister I. Bujoiu and Moshe Chelouche, chairman of the Rumanian-Palestine Chamber of Commerce, climaxing four weeks of negotiations.

The agreement provides for Palestine exports to Rumania of 400,000 cases of citrus fruit, industrial products to the value of £90,000 and raw materials to a total of £60,000. The ratio of Rumanian exports to Palestine's will be six to one, amounting in value to £1,200,000.

ABANDON JEW-BAITING, LITHUANIAN OFFICIAL WARNS TRADE BODY

KAUNAS, July 12. (JTA) -- A Government spokesman today warned the anti-Semitic merchants' organization, Verslininkai, to abandon its Jew-baiting activities as "harmful to Lithuania's economic interests." The warning was voiced by Domas Micutas, director of consumption statistics in the Economics Ministry, at a convention of the Verslininkai in Polangen.

Addressing the same session, Justice Minister Antanas Tomasaitis stressed the necessity to "Lithuanize" the nation's cities through civilized methods that avoided creation of tension among the various nationalities.

The effect of both speeches was considerably bolstered by receipt of a message from American Lithuanians which warned that a projected campaign by a Verslininkai delegation to the United States was doomed to failure if the organization's anti-Semitic propaganda were not discontinued.

As a result, the convention put a damper on its usual anti-Jewish tone and instead concentrated its attack upon "alien nationals." Resolutions called upon the Government to compel new Jewish enterprises to employ Lithuanians, demanded that the National Bank no longer grant credits to alien-owned businesses and urged the Government to increase subsidies to Verslininkai organizations.

Despite precautionary police measures and a warning, transmitted by the authorities through the Polangan rabbinate, to Jews not to appear in public places during the congress, several Jewish passersby were manhandled and wounded in street demonstrations after adjournment of the sessions. Holding of the congress at Polangen, a seaside resort, heavily damaged holiday trade, most Jewish visitors having cancelled bookings at hotels, while boarding houses and places of entertainment were almost deserted.

Meanwhile, the Verslininkai delegation to the United States left for New York. Headed by the notorious anti-Semite Bredis, editor of Verslas, the delegation will seek to raise funds in the United States "to combat Jewish influence in the economic life of Lithuania."

BELGIUM TIGHTENS CONTROL OVER FOREIGNERS

BRUSSELS, July 12. (JTA) -- Interior Minister Albert Deveze today ordered provincial governors to exercise stricter supervision of aliens on the grounds that many had settled illegally or had engaged in occupations other than those to which they had been licensed.

The Senate has refused to confirm naturalization granted by the Chamber of Deputies to a Polish-Jewish industrialist who has been settled in Belgium since 1921. The Senate cited his failure to master the French language sufficiently and his employment of an equal number of Belgian and foreign workers, twice contravening labor regulations.

6 REFUGEES SEIZED AT SEA IN FRAIL BOAT

AMSTERDAM, July 12. (JTA) -- A Government customs cutter today arrested six German refugees, one of them a woman, at sea in a battered ship's boat in which they were attempting to reach England on their way to the United States. Lacking passports, the refugees had been wandering about Europe a year before they pooled their last resources and purchased the boat. They will be imprisoned until the Government decides what to do with them.

So. Rhodesia Wants Selected Exiles

LONDON, July 12. (JTA) -- Southern Rhodesia's willingness to accept refugees on a selective basis was voiced last night by Prime Minister G.M. Huggins at a dinner commemorating the birthday of "Empire Builder" Cecil Rhodes. "There are many worthy and excellent people who we should welcome to our country today," Mr. Huggins declared. "But we have had more than we want and not necessarily the ones we want. And that is a tragedy. We do not want those who only wish to engage in the carrier trade. That is already overdone. Over-trading is the curse of Southern Rhodesia."

ROMANIAN JUDGES REBUFF BAR GROUP ON OUSTER OF JEWISH LAWYERS

BUCHAREST, July 12. (JTA) -- Judges presiding over courts in the city of Piatra-Neamti served notice today that they would not recognize the recent decision by the city's Chamber of Lawyers to exclude the chamber's Jewish members from practice.

The judges informed Jewish lawyers affected by the decision that they would be admitted to their courts as hitherto. Their action was taken, it was stated, with the approval of Justice Minister Victor Iamandi.

News of the Piatra-Neamti jurists' move prompted Jewish lawyers in Galatz, Jassy and elsewhere, who had been deprived of the right to practice by local chambers, to apply to the Justice Minister for restoration of their rights.

BULGARIAN LEGION PARADES IN NAZI UNIFORMS, GIVES HITLER SALUTE

SOFIA, July 12. (JTA) -- Members of the anti-Semitic Bulgarian Legion, accoutred in brown-shirted uniforms resembling those worn by the Nazi storm troopers, today began to make provocative appearances in the streets of Sofia and other cities, giving the Hitler salute.

NEW RADIO CODE OUTLAWS RACIAL, RELIGIOUS ATTACKS

NEW YORK, July 12. (JTA) -- Racial and religious attacks on the radio are outlawed under the new code of standards adopted yesterday by the National Association of Broadcasters at its seventeenth annual convention in Atlantic City.

The code also prohibits selling of radio time for the presentation of controversial issues with the exception of political broadcasts. Impartial presentation of controversial topics, the code contends, is a duty of broadcasting stations and should be undertaken without pay.

Majority opinion among the association's 425 members appeared to be, according to the New York Times, that "radio priest" Charles E. Coughlin and other speakers would not be automatically barred from the air under this provision, "as they do not always touch on controversial matters," although there was the possibility that a breach of the code would necessitate their submitting copy before broadcasting.

The provision on religious broadcasts reads as follows: "Radio, which reaches men of all creeds and races simultaneously, may not be used to convey attacks upon another's race or religion. Rather it should be the purpose of the religious broadcast to promote the spiritual harmony and understanding of mankind and to administer broadly to the varied religious needs of the community."

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Italian Group Hits Racial Hatred

CHICAGO, July 12. (JTA) -- Unreserved condemnation of racial and religious hatred and of "the men and movements promoting such hatred in the United States," was voiced here at the annual convention of the National Italian-American Civic League. A resolution adopted by the convention pledged the organization to combat "this evil" with all its strength and reaffirmed its devotion to American democratic principles. Citing the "grievous disabilities" imposed upon the Jews in numerous European countries, the resolution warned that racial and religious hatred "corrodes the pillars of our democracy and has no place in the American way of life."

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Abjure Prejudices of Europe, Lehman Urges Veterans' Body

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y., July 12. (JTA) -- An appeal against "the passions, the prejudices, the false theories and ideals which are making Europe an armed camp," was voiced here last night by Governor Herbert H. Lehman in an address before the New York State division of the United Spanish War Veterans.

Praising the contributions made to American life by those who fled European persecutions, Governor Lehman declared that democratic America would not tolerate "such hatreds and divisions" as divided "nation from nation, race from race, creed from creed, class from class" in the countries they had left behind.

"We must not for an instant tolerate here the passions, the prejudices, the false theories and ideals which are making Europe an armed camp and which have forced from their homes countless thousands to wander homeless through Europe," he continued.

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200 Religious Leaders Strike at Discrimination

NEW YORK, July 12. (JTA) -- A six-point manifesto urging an American foreign policy of non-participation in aggression and expressing opposition to racial or religious discrimination has been issued by Bishop G. Ashton Oldham of Albany, president of the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches. The manifesto was signed by more than 200 Protestant, Catholic and Jewish religious leaders.

ALLEN ZOLL DENIES EXTORTION CHARGE IN COUGHLIN PICKETING CASE; OUT ON \$3,000 BAIL

NEW YORK, July 12. (JTA) -- A plea of not guilty to charges of attempting to extort \$7,500 from President Donald Flamm of Radio Station WMCA on a promise to end the Coughlin picket line was today entered by Allen Zoll, self-styled American nationalist leader, in General Sessions. Zoll was released in \$3,000 bail and his counsel was given two weeks to enter motions.

TOLD TO SPY ON SWISS ARMY CHIEF, NAZI ADMITS AT ZURICH TRIAL

ZURICH, July 12. (JTA) -- Testimony that an official Reich agent had instructed him to spy on the wife of Col. I. Labhart, chief of the Swiss General Staff, was given today by the witness Steiger at the trial of eight members of the Nazi-patterned "League of Faithful Confederates."

This testimony confirmed charges by the prosecution and cast new light on the activities of Reich secret agents in Switzerland. Another witness, named Diesslin, revealed that the Nazi group had instructed him to spy on French and Czechoslovak consulates as well as members of the Swiss General Staff.

Dr. Alfred Zander, self-styled Swiss "ruehrer," and his "Faithful Confederates" are accused of attempting to nazify Switzerland and of furnishing defense secrets to the Reich.

YUGOSLAV ZIONISTS TO SEND 6 DELEGATES TO CONGRESS

BELGRADE, July 12. (JTA) -- Yugoslavian Zionists will be represented by six delegates at the 21st biennial World Zionist Congress opening at Geneva next month, it was announced today. They sent five delegates to the last congress.